

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John King VAS396

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[From [pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

John King a Soldier wounded in the action of Colo. Beauford [Abraham Buford's defeat, or the Battle of the Waxhaws, May 29, 1780]¹ is permitted to pass with his father Samuel King to Virginia – Issuing Commissaries are required to furnish them with Rations, Forage masters with forage for one horse and Continental Ferry boats will pass them over ferries on their route to Virginia

S/ W. Smallwood, BG [William Smallwood]

Salisbury in North Carolina

22nd August 1780

The Bearer having obtained another horse for the convenience of himself & son is allowed forage for that horse also

Hillsboro 27 August 1780

S/ Horatio Gates

To

All Quarter Masters & forage Masters in North Carolina & Virginia

Commissioners Office

March 20th 1788

True Copies

B. Dawson

April 1783

I do certify that John King who has lost both his Arms enlisted as a soldier for three years or for the War in the 3rd Virginia Regiment in the month of September 1777.

S/ Chas. West Maj. [Charles West, Major]

Passed for three years service

from 15 September 1785

S/ Chas. Jones Comr.

3 December 1785

¹ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_waxhaws.html

A Copy

Reuben Brunley

City of Richmond

This day Samuel King came before me an Alderman for said City and made oath that he received his son John King on the 22nd day of August 1780 at Salisbury Town in North Carolina from General Smallwood and Doctor Clements who informed him the said Samuel King that his son John had lost both his arms in Blufords defeat. Given under my hand this 19th day March 1788

S/ Pole Boyd, JP

I do, with the advice of counsel hereby certify that John King late a Soldier in the third Virginia Regiment and whose pay was at the rate of £24 per annum appears to have been disabled in such a manner while in the service of the United States as to enable him to the sum of eighteen pounds yearly: which allowance is in accordance made him, to commence from the first day of January 1786. Given under my hand at Richmond, this 20th day of March 1788.

S/ Edw. Randolph [Edward Randolph]

John King lost both his Arms at Buford's defeat

S/ T. Meriweather

Prince William County Court April the 18th 1788 – Certified that the Sheriff pay John King thirty-six pounds pension due the first day of January 1788 agreeable to a certificate under the hand of his Excellency the Governor presented to us.

Copy Test: S/ Robert Grav[cut off]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

Dumfries January 18th 1781

John King a Soldier of the third Virginia Regiment being enlisted during the War and having lost both his Arms in the action under Colo. Bueford in the State of South Carolina is entitled to [several illegible words] until the State of Virginia shall make ample Provision for her maimed and wounded. Issuing Commissaries are therefore required to furnish him with Rations 'till further Orders or the [two illegible lines] general supply him with Cloathing in the meantime given under my hand the Date above

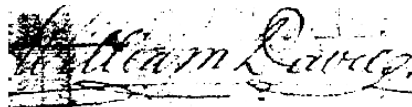
[illegible signature probably of Gen. William Smallwood]

[The image from which the following is transcribed is very poor.]

[several undeciphered words] the Auditor's office to pay the bearer Samuel King the wages due his son it will be a real act of humanity and charity. His son John King in Col Buford's defeat had both his arms cut off [several undeciphered words] a situation the most helpless that can be conceived. His wages are due from Dec'r 77 [undeciphered] His father the bearer is a poor man, and any favor bestowed upon him will be [undeciphered] acknowledged.

Chesterfield

William Davies Col



Mar. 24 1781

M Harrison [undeciphered] Gen'l

Prince William Court May 5th 1783.

John King formerly a Soldier in the American Army having lost both his arms appearing in Court ordered that the same be certified. Copy Test Robt. Graham Cl

Samuel King Father of the within mentioned John King is Authorised by him to act in his behalf to settle & receive what shall be due [undeciphered] John King in presence of
Ja. Ewell/ 30th May 1783